

## Message Text

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R 290103Z MAY 74  
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3275

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 3211

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, AS  
SUBJECT: MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION ON AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS

REF: A) CANBERRA 3067; B) STATE 106028 C) STATE 105688

1. FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF PREFERENCES IN HOUE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES ELECTION BEING COMPLETED MAY 29, WITH EVERY INDICATION  
THAT LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE MAJORITY OF FIVE AND POSSIBLY  
SEVEN SEATS IN LOWER HOUSE. IT WILL THUS FORM NEW GOVERNMENT  
THOUGH SENATE RESULTS, WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME.  
PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL SPEAK TO NATION AT 7:30 PM (LOCAL  
TIME) MAY 29, PRESUMABLY CLAIMING VICTORY. LIBERAL LEADER  
SNEDDEN IS EXPECTED TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 30, CONCEDING  
DEFEAT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMTNE DESPATCH  
TO EMBASSY MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO WHITLAM FROM PRESI-  
DENT AND ACTING SECRETARY (REF B) FOR DELIVERY AT APPROPRIATE  
TIME. WE WILL DELIVER SENATOR MANSFIELD'S CONGRATULATIONS  
(REF C) AFTER WE DELIVER MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT AND  
ACTING SECRETARY.  
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